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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sampson, J. Art Unit: 1635
Serial No.: 09/358,141 Examiner: Schmidt, M.
Filed: July 20, 1999
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES WITH
REDUCED SECONDARY STRUCTURE

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Applicant respectfully requests a three (3) month extension of time from April 2, 2003, up to and including July 2, 2003, to respond to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, in the above-referenced case. Responsive to that Office Action, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendments into the case, and consideration of the following Remarks:

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